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greater than the total number of decisions considered in that first edition; yet the changes in the statement of the principles are almost none. Large additions have been made to the portions containing abstract of cases, made to serve as illustrations, and it is in this respect only (excepting an improvement in the already full and well-arranged index) that the second and third editions differ from the first.

The explanation of this fact is, either that Mr. High did his work so well that his conclusions have stood without modification or need of re-statement the test of over twenty years' development of the law, or that his method, and consequently the present work in its third edition, lack in flexibility. One may venture to think that these two explanations are each partially applicable, although it is true that in the law on procedure one may expect to meet with less material changes (apart from statutory enactments) than in the substantive law.

Charles H. Burr, Jr.

A TREATISE ON DISPUTED HANDWRITING AND THE DETERMINATION OF GENUINE FROM FORGED SIGNATURES. By WILLIAM E. HAGAN, Expert in Handwriting. New York and Albany: Banks & Bros. 1894.

The purpose of this treatise is to prepare the practicing lawyer to try any case in which questions arise as to the genuineness of handwriting, age of documents, etc. It is a volume of about three hundred pages, divided into an introduction and nine chapters. The writer undertakes to demonstrate that to detect really clever forgery microscopic tests are needed, and that, owing to the muscular co-ordination peculiar to each individual, such tests infallibly reveal the true writer. He has shown how these personal characteristics are disclosed and the method of analysis used to detect and prove them. The seventh chapter deals with lead pencil writing and the succeeding one with the various kinds of ink that have been and are in use, showing how they are affected by time, moisture, etc., and the manner of testing them. Sixty-eight pages are devoted to *causes célèbres* in which the principles and experiments discussed by the author were applied. The book contains much valuable information and seems well adapted to its purpose. The style, however, is diffuse and often inaccurate, and it is to be regretted that the writer has indulged in so much repetition.

A. G. D.

A DIGEST OF INSURANCE CASES. Vol. VIII. By JOHN A. FINCH, of the Indianapolis Bar. Indianapolis and Kansas City: The Bowen-Merrill Co. 1896.

This volume contains the epitome of some 702 cases affecting insurance companies and their contracts, decided during the year ending October 31, 1895. The cases have been separated by the

compiler into the sub-heads: Accident, Fire, Assessment Orders and Associations, Life, Marine and Miscellaneous, but no further attempt at classification has been made, the inquirer being directed to a carefully prepared index for guidance to the principles developed in the cases. The field covered by the digest is a large one, and no reports seem to have been left unopened in the quest of cases, nor have the many legal periodicals been overlooked. While such a work is in itself of no more than passing utility, in connection with the former volumes, a library of insurance law is at hand in which almost every question affecting insurance companies is the subject of judicial opinion. *T. S. G.*

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TREATISES.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF NEGLIGENCE. By HORACE SMITH, B.A. Second American from the Second English Edition. Re-edited and Enlarged. By JAMES AVERY WEBB. St. Louis: The T. H. Thomas Law Book Co. 1896.

THE DETECTIVE FACULTY. By W. H. BAILEY, Sr., LL.D. Cincinnati: The Robert Clarke Co. 1896.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACTS. By CONRAD RENO, LL.B. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 1896.

HALLECK'S INTERNATIONAL LAW. Two Volumes. Third Edition. Thoroughly Revised and in Many Parts Rewritten. By SIR SHERSTON BAKER, Bart. London: Kegan, Paul, French, Trübner & Co., Ltd. 1893.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE NATURE OF THE STATE. A STUDY IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. By WESTEL WOODBURY WILLOUGHBY, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins University. New York and London: Macmillan & Co. 1896.

THE LAW'S LUMBER ROOM. By FRANCIS WATT. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. 1895.

THE WORKS OF JAMES WILSON, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND PROFESSOR OF LAW IN THE COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA. By JAMES DEWITT ANDREWS. Two Volumes. Chicago: Callaghan & Co. 1896.